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## AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 111

This paper addresses the Office Action dated April 8, 2003. Applicants respectfully request the following amendment be entered. Applicants respectfully request SIR: a 2-month extension time accompanying this response, thereby extending the period to respond to September 8, 2003. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required due fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are hereby respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

An attachment is a copy of a publication by our inventors (Eur. J. Biochem. 268; p. 2187-Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper. 2191, 2001) providing additional desirable details for the present invention.

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